



## Undesignated Emergency Medications in Schools Program

*OSSE & DC Health Technical Assistance Webinar*

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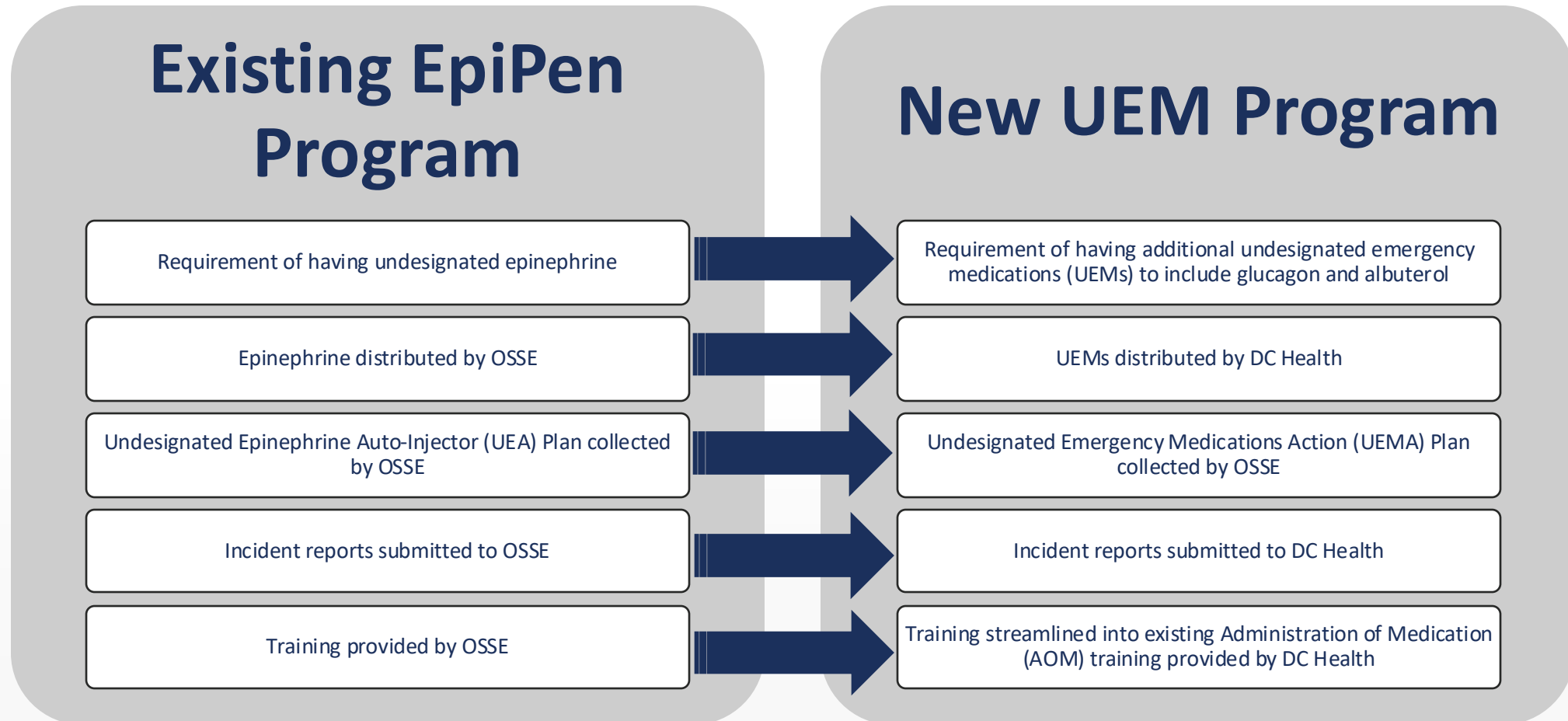
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# Key Program Changes for the 2025-26 School Year



# Undesignated Emergency Medications (UEM) Program

Effective the 2025-26 school year, the current Epinephrine in Schools Program will be expanded to include additional undesignated emergency medications (UEMs) following the Access to Emergency Medications Amendment Act of 2023.

- All District public and public charter schools will be required to:
  - Have a supply of undesignated epinephrine, glucagon and albuterol.
    - *Glucagon will only be provided to schools that have enrolled students with a documented diagnosis of diabetes.*
  - Have a minimum of two staff members trained in the administration of undesignated emergency medication.
  - Submit an Undesignated Emergency Medication Action (UEMA) Plan annually to OSSE for review and approval.
  - UEM Program liaison at the school-level serves as OSSE and DC Health primary point of contact.

# OSSE and DC Health Roles and Responsibilities

The UEM Program will be administered jointly by OSSE and the DC Department of Health (DC Health).

- OSSE responsibilities include:
  - Annual collection, review and approval of UEMA Plans
  - Compliance and monitoring
  - Reviewing incident reports
  - Implementing corrective actions
  - Offering resources and technical assistance
- DC Health responsibilities include:
  - Medication procurement, distribution and replacement
  - Administration of Medication (AOM) staff training
  - Compliance and monitoring
  - Processing incident reports

# Undesignated Emergency Medications Action (UEMA) Plan

UEMA Plans outline the school's strategy to provide prompt and appropriate care to individuals suffering or about to suffer medical emergencies and include:

- Liaison and AOMs contact information
  - Location of UEMs, designated medications, and sharps disposal container
  - School-specific actions
  - Additional school policies and procedures
  - Emergency response protocols
- Collected annually via QuickBase application.
  - OSSE developed an UEMA Plan template that schools must fill out to comply with the UEMA Plan requirement.

***Save the date: Thursday, June 12 at 10 a.m.***

***▪ UEMA Plan QuickBase Application Technical Assistance Webinar***

# Undesignated Emergency Medications Action (UEMA) Plan

## Development and Submission

- Health POC at the school-level will be granted access to the QuickBase application where the UEMA Plan must be submitted between **August 1st to August 22, 2025**.
- Health POC, UEM Program liaison and school leader(s) should collaborate to develop the school-level UEMA Plan.

## Review and Approval

- OSSE will review the UEMA Plans on a rolling basis within 1-2 business weeks of submission to determine whether plans meet minimum requirements.
- If UEMA Plans meet minimum requirements, schools should keep a copy of the UEMA Plan by the undesignated emergency medications and share with school staff and health suite personnel.
- OSSE will provide detailed feedback to school's Health POCs and/or UEM Program liaisons if plans do not meet minimum requirements and schools will need to re-submit for review and approval.

## On-going Modifications

- If there are changes to the approved UEMA Plan, schools may contact OSSE Emergency Medications Team at [OSSE.uemeds@dc.gov](mailto:OSSE.uemeds@dc.gov) to request access to edit the approved UEMA Plan.

# Upcoming Important Dates

- Technical Assistance Webinars
- UEMA Plan QuickBase application opens
- UEMA Plan submission deadline

Event	Date
UEMA Plan TA Webinar	June 12, 2025
UEMA QuickBase launches	July 14, 2025
UEMA Plan submission deadline	August 22, 2025
Start of School TA Webinar	August 2025

# Q&A with OSSE



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## *Emergency Medications Team*

- Sabrina Gandy – School Health Division Chief (Program Oversight)
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- Kyle Jaramillo-Kuidis – Public Health Analyst (Liaison)



# Undesignated Emergency Medications Program

## Purpose

- This program was created to ensure students with medical emergency needs (e.g., asthma, diabetes, and severe allergies) have timely access to emergency medications during the school day. Our goals are to improve student safety and reduce absenteeism.

## Background

- This initiative expands upon the original *Epinephrine in Schools* program. In response to faculty interest in supporting students with health needs, the **AOM (Administration of Medications)** training program was developed. The new Emergency Medication Administration component will now be integrated into that training.

## Program Overview

- Stocks 3 types of emergency medications (Glucagon, Albuterol, and Epinephrine)
- Albuterol and Epinephrine are available for students with symptoms of medical emergencies (glucagon is only reserved for students with a diabetes diagnosis and medication action plan)
- Used when designated medications are expired or unavailable in the health suite



# Undesignated Emergency Medications: SY 2025-2026

The following emergency medications are stocked for use in medical situations when a student does not have personal medication available:

- Epinephrine (EpiPen)
  - Used for anaphylactic emergencies (severe allergic reactions); Administered via auto-injector. Available in:
    - EpiPen (standard dose)
    - EpiPen Jr (child dose)
- Albuterol
  - Used for asthma symptoms and respiratory emergencies; Administered via inhaler.
- Glucagon
  - Used for hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), particularly when the students is unconscious or unable to swallow; Administered via injection or nasal spray.
- Naloxone *\*Provided in partnership with the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH)*
  - Used for opioid overdose emergencies; Administered via nasal spray

# Designated vs. Undesignated Medications

## *Understanding Emergency Medication Availability and Use*

- **Designated Medications**
  - Prescribed by a physician specifically for a student.
  - Provided to the school by the student's family.
  - Stored in the health suite or carried by the student (if authorized).
  - Intended for use **only** to treat designated student.
- **Undesignated Medications**
  - Stocked by the school for use in emergency situations.
  - Used only when a student's prescribed medication is unavailable, expired, or the student lacks a documented diagnosis.
  - Glucagon may only be administered to students with a confirmed diabetes diagnosis who do not have their own medication available.
  - These medications are not a substitute for prescribed medications.

# Roles and Responsibilities

## DC Health Health Suite Staff

- Primary responder for emergency medication administration
- A registered nurse, licensed practical nurse or trained health suite staff

## DCPS/PCS Administration of Medication (AOM) Staff

- Supports emergency medication administration when health suite staff are unavailable
- Authorized to give designated and undesignated medications
- Acts during field trips, staff absence, and/or as directed during triage
- Minimum of 2 per school required

## DCPS/PCS Undesignated Emergency Medications Program Liaison

- Reports all undesignated medication use by AOMs to DC Health
- Tracks inventory
- Coordinates restocking with DC Health
- Receives program updates from DC Health
- Minimum of 1 per school
- May also serve as an AOM



# Administration of Medication (AOM) Training

- AOM training is now managed by DC Health.
- Staff from DCPS and public charter schools (PCS) who wish to become certified or re-certified must contact their school leadership to be added to the training roster.
- Starting School Year 2025-2026, AOM training will be through DC Health's Learning Management System (LMS).
- The training format includes:
  - Online learning modules
  - In-person skills assessment
  - Certificate of Completion
  - Routine skills review with DC Health's Health Suite staff
- AOM-certified staff are authorized to administer both designated and undesignated emergency medications when health suite personnel are not available.



# Administration of Medication (AOM) Training

- **Certification**
  - AOM certified staff will be given a certificate of completion after the in-person skills check is complete. Staff will be certified for 3 years from the completion date.
- **Training Frequency**
  - Currently AOM training is available twice a month.
  - Staff interested in AOM training should continue to communicate their interest to their school leaders and names will be provided to DC Health for registration.
  - Once DC Health's LMS launches staff will be able to sign up and take the AOM training at any time and in person training will be held three times a month.
- **Selecting AOM Staff**
  - Staff who are currently AOM certified to continue and take the course again when their certificate expires. As a reminder two staff are required to be AOM certified but there is no limit to how many your school can have any staff member at the school can take this training and be certified.
- More information will come as we approach the launch of this system



# Incident Reporting

- The incident reporting process will remain the same as the current SHSP incident reporting protocols. We are updating the incident portal system for improved usability.
- If your school is not listed in the SHSP portal dropdown list, please email the School Health services Program ([shs.program@dc.gov](mailto:shs.program@dc.gov))
- The Emergency Medication Liaison or school administrative staff must report any use of undesignated emergency medication within 24 hours of the incident.
- All incidents involving emergency medication administration should be reported through the SHSP

Portal: <https://dchealthenterprise.my.site.com/studenthealthservices/s/>



# Follow-Up & Medication Replacement

- DC Health will follow up to ensure appropriate post-incident support is provided to the school.
- DC Health will order replacement medication and coordinate delivery directly to the school.
- Naloxone replacements must still be requested through the Department of Behavioral Health by emailing: [naloxone@dc.gov](mailto:naloxone@dc.gov)





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# Thank You

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